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SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATIONS: RIVERS STATE TV/RADIO PROJECT

REF: LAGOS 6917

1. MARIO CAIAFA OF PAGE EUROPA HAS BEEN IN LAGOS FOR PAST FEW DAYS CONSULTING WITH RIVERS STATE OFFICIALS ON ABORTED TV/RADIO PROJECT. HE CONFIRMS THAT RIVERS STATE - THOMPSON CSF CONTRACT LEAVES NO ROOM FOR PAGE (NOR, BY INFERENCE, FOR TELCOM).

2. ONE OF CAIAFA'S PRIMARY MISSIONS HAS BEEN TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER RIVERS STATE INTENDS TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION OF ANY KIND AGAINST PAGE. HIS STRONG IMPRESSION, THOUGH NOT CONFIRMED, IS THAT NO SUCH ACTION IS COMTEMPLATED. CAIAFA ALSO REPORTS THAT RIVERS STATE HAS BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL (A MR. COCO) WHO DOES HAVE PENDING LEGAL SUIT AGAINST PAGE. RIVERS STATE BELIEVES COCO WOULD BE AMENABLE TO OUT-OF-COURT SETTLEMENT AND CAIAFA WILL BE LOOKING INTO THAT POSSIBILITY.

3. AS FOR PROSPECT OF PAGE INSTITUTING SUIT AGAINST RIVERS STATE, CAIAFA IS OF BELIEF THAT PAGE WILL NOT TAKE SUCH ACTION. HE POINTS OUT THAT BY PULLING OUT OF TV/RADIOPROJECT AT EARLY DATE, PAGE CUT ITS LOSSES CONSIDERABLY AND WAS NOT BADLY HURT FINANCIALLY. IN ADDITION, PAGE STILL HAS AMBITIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN TV PROJECTS IN NORTH-EASTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN STATES, AND WISHES KEEP ITS IMAGE AS CLEAN AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, FINAL DECISION AS TO LEGAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY PAGE'S HEAD OFFICE IN VIENNA, VA.

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4. CAIAFA REPORTS VALUE OF RIVERS STATE - THOMPSON CSF CONTRACT--
WHICH COVERS ELECTRONICS ONLY, AND NOT CIVIL WORKS--AT ABOUT
\$8 MILLION. THIS APPEARS SOMEWHAT MORE XPENSIVE THAN PAGE'S
ORIGINAL \$9-1/2 MILLION CONTRACT FOR ELECTRONICS, CIVIL WORKS,
AND FEASIBILITY STUDY.
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